GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UPGRADATION OF SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a need for technological upgradation of surveillance equipments available to soldiers, along the line of control at the Kargil mountains is being felt;

(b) whether most of the Night Vision Devices available with our outposts are infra red and have a shorter range; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) There is a continuous effort to upgrade the surveillance equipment to provide better quality and longer ranges depending upon the technology and ability to develop such equipment. Night Vision Devices based on Image Intensifiers and Thermal Imaging; Battle Field Surveillance Radars System and Long Range Reccee & Observation System are some of the items which have been finalised post Kargil.